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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
AKIRA KURIYAMA ET AL. )  
Application No.: 10/662,363 )  
Filed: September 16, 2003 )  
For: METHOD FOR DECOMPOSING )  
A POLLUTANT )  
Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
Group Art Unit: 1754  
January 9, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
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SECOND STATUS INQUIRY

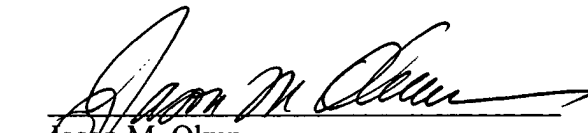
Sir:

Further to the Status Inquiry filed on March 7, 2005, to which no response has been received, Applicants again respectfully request a status report on the above-identified application. The application was filed on September 16, 2003. However, to date, no Official Action has been received for this application. Furthermore, according to the U.S. Patent Office's PAIR database, this application has not even been assigned to an examiner. Several telephone voice mail messages left for the SPE of GAU 1754, to which this case has been generally assigned, have not been returned.

Since the application has been pending for more than two years, the Patent and Trademark Office is requested to promptly assign this application to an examiner and indicate to the undersigned when an Office Action is expected to be issued.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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